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An exchange wants to know what Colonel House has been doing. Well. Texas has more than her share of training camps. Minneapolis (Minn.) Tribune.

The Shipping Board had two or its clerical force called by the draft. One had two flat feet first degree, and the other had a wooden leg. Whether the wood en leg was a product of the late Chairman Denman's pet lumber company is not stated.

"What was the starting point of existing prosperity in this country?" asks the Wall Street correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger. And answering it, he says: "Gold sent from Eu rope to pay for war supplies.' favorable balance has been \$6. 800,000,000. Before the war started the Democratic tariff law was responsible for the balance of trade actually turning against us. Europe sold us more than we could sell Europe. But no Democrat will ever admit it.

The mind of a Democrat works mysteriously. A single-headed control of food administration was a condition precedent to winning the war. The suggestion of a board for this purpose was flouted as riciculous, embarras sing, traitorous. Yet on the heels of the passage of the single-headed food-control measure. comes a bill providing for a board of nine persons to supervise our activities in aeronautics. One man must boss those who delve in the earth, while nine men must control those who soar in

The New York Evening Post, admitting, with some qualifications, the correctness of the principle which actuates the attempt to set up a joint congressional committee on war expenditures insists that Congress "should proceed in a straightforward man ner and not endeavor, as in the amendment opposed by the President, to smuggle in by a side wind what it dares not attempt directly." The Evening Post is evidently not familiar with the legislative history of the joint committee proposal. It was first advanced, in the Senate, by Mr. Weeks of Massachusetts and in the House by Mr. Madden of Illinois, more than three months ago. It was referred to appropriste committees, in whose pig-

eon-holes it was permitted to most vicious sort right in our slumber undisturbed. The majority party leaders showed no ken to ward it off. This prosdisposition to permit the plan to pect alone will strengthen the be even discussed, much less adherence of cotton manufacturbrought forward to be voted upon. Its authors have frequently Republican party and its policy given notice that if the regular of protection to home industries. parliamentary channels were to be clogged they would seek to find a way to bring the matter to the attention of the lawmakers. Such a way was found. It was the only feasible way, in view of the attitude which the Democratic leaders had assumed. Though lesiring to "proceed in a straightforward manner," the proponents of the plan were denied that privilege.

The New Tax Law.

The new delinquent tax law

will soon be causing municipalities and, in fact, all civic divisions to sit up and take notice. It does away with the old delinquent tax sales. The real estate owner, if willing to pay the state eight per cent per annum, can let his taxes and assessments go unpaid for four years. If then, unwilling or unable to pay, a suit in foreclosure has to be brought by the attorney general to get the taxes. Peter Durr, additor of Hamilton county, has this to say about the law: "When this act was passed county auditors and treasurers throughout the state, regardless of politics, were opposed to it. All authorities on tax matters agree that unless taxes are paid promptly, the whole budget system, which is based upon a 100 per cent collection upon a tax duplicate of any given aggregate valuation, will be thrown completely out of gear. I understood Governor Cox promised to veto this bill, but it became a law without objection or approval on the part of the Governor,"-Ohio Republican.

Political Gossip from Washington.

Washington, Aug. 20. (Special Correspondence) Japan has hit upon a policy with respect to cotton manufacture which may well cause anxiety in the minds importers of foreign products do. of our own cotton manufacturers who are not afflicted with war order astigmatism. Japanese investors are beginning to realize that the burden of expense in the Republicans will do the kick transporting raw cotton from ing. China to Japan, and carrying back the finished yarn or woven fabrics to China, is coming to be too heavy to meet the competition of Chinese mills. Therefore they are investing their money in the construction of mills in China with a view to escaping these transportation charges and at the same time availing themselves of Chinese labor, the cheapest in the world.

A Texas cotton expert recently employed by the Chinese goverament to report on cottongrowing possibilities in that country, declares that China can readily raise twice as much cottop, of excellent quality as can the state of Texas, where the average runs from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 bales. And they can do it at one-tenth the labor cost. With Japan taking advantage of this cheaper raw material and far cheaper mill labor, American operators have good reason to anticipate competition of the wily drummer.

home market unless steps are taers, both north and south, to the

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The writer for "Topics of the Town" in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, quotes a Philadelphia mporter as saying that he has been bringing in more than 50, 000,000 fishhooks from Norway each year since the war started without the loss of a consignment, and an invoice of Japanese poles has just come in by sailing vessel round the Horn. He also declares that his firm used to bring in some 15,000 cheap shotguns a year from Belgium. "Under the Democratic tariff that importation might have been resumed if the war had not interfered."

The present tariff law made a reduction of 33 per cent on fish hooks and fishing tackle. During the first year's operation of that law imports increased 15 per cent, and in 1915, 28 per cent over 1913. Norway and the United Kingdom got the trade. Last year, 1916, imports from Norway increased 80 per cent over the protective year, regardless of risks incident to the submarine. No one got fishing tackle any cheaper.

Shotguns, under the Republican law paid compound duties, scaled according to the value of the guns. The Democrats have never been able to understand the principle underlying the levying of compound duties so they put a 35 per cent duty on all double-barreled breech-loading shotguns. If it is any consolation to this Philadelphia importer he is advised that if the Democratic tariff law can be retained after the war is over he can make more money on his imports of Belgian, or other, guns by absurbing the duty and covering it into his profits, charging his customers all that the traffic will stand. That is exactly what all But there is an ever increasing belief that the present tariff law is going to be kicked into obliv ion between now and 1920, and

CITIES THAT NOURISH INDUSTRIES THRIVE

Citizens Should Take Interest In Politics to Insure Encouragement of Manufacturing Enterprises.

"The thriving industrial cities of today are those that seek to do the best for their industries," says a prominent Milwaukee manufacturer. "Even the practice of giving factory sites free to manufacturers as an incentive to locate in the smaller communities is still in

"There are many towns well located with respect to railroad facilities and waterways, and also convenient to good labor markets, that are seeking industries, yet, despite this competition for industries, there are many cities that are actually hostile to them. Some are unwittingly driving away the support of the populace. It can only result in industries leaving, and if industries continue to leave what is going to become of the population?

"In my opinion, it rests with the peo ple. The people themselves should take a greater fiterest in their town councils, in their state legislatures and in their national government. Then much of the unfair, unreasonable class legislation could be prevented. As it is, the professional politicians often have full sway."-Industrial Conservation, New

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